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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

The Pen and Quill Will

In fact, they ARE... celebrating their 15th year of service to the public and let's face it... if a spot can serve us (We, the public) for that length of time and come up with a mark of "satisfactory" then, you'd better believe they've accomplished something.

It's superb dining in the grand tradition and featuring some of the most way-out type gourmet dishes you've ever tasted.

Managing Director Pat O'Daly and Executive Chef de Cuisine Kris Erlandsen got their collective heads together and came up with a choice of three gourmet entrees from which to choose.

Here's one: Cotellette de Veau Maria Louisa. Then for the number two selection it's File de Sole Filet Carrolet Lydia. And rounding out for the third one they present Poulet a la Pen and Quill.

Now for this type cuisine you'd believe just about any price they might mention, wouldn't you? Well now such is not the case! You may have any one of the three at the fantastic price of \$3.95.

And as an added attraction, a glass of Christian Brothers wine is served with the entree and the imported hand blown crystal glass is yours to keep as a souvenir of the event.

Now just how long this 15th anniversary offering will remain on the menu at the Pen and Quill we don't know but it might be suggested here that you give 'em a call at 772-2257 and make sure. In fact, you should call that number anyway just for reservations.

In any event, whether the special's still on or not, it's always a delightful experience to dine at the Pen and Quill.

Been a couple changes over there at the Pacific Lounge lately in case you weren't aware. Like for example, they now open at 3 on Sundays and close at midnight with entertainment from 6 'til 11.

They're also featuring a Pacific Lounge special on Sundays in the food department that goes for a dollar and a quarter.

Entertainment is furnished nightly, Wednesday through Saturday featuring Kimo & Kaimo with their own imitable stylings and for the Friday and Saturday nite shows they've introduced "Kulele" and "The Dances of the Islands."

Like surprises? Well now it's a daily feature at \$1.35 for lunch with the Chef's Special of the Day, each day presenting a different offering.

So drop on by there to the Pacific Lounge and get acquainted with Cal and the rest of the gang including Al "Salmim" Tanaka on the bar (that middle handle means Noodles!)

And speaking of that particular spot there on Rodeo at La Cienega, do you remember back when that used to be called Ridley's Roost?

If so then you must also remember the cat that used to do all those fine old sing-alongs featuring college songs and such, by the name of Charlie La Grace!

So now, after too long an absence from the scene, Charlie's back. Not right at that

spot but in the general area. He opened last week at the Jet Room Lounge up there on La Cienega near Centinela and still doing the same stuff for which he's so fondly remembered. Ballads, pop, old time numbers, sing-a-longs and he's got "a side man" along with him now. Charlie likes to refer to his new sideman as "The Thing" and they truly make a great team. You've got to drop by to pick up on this action!

Charlie came up with an impromptu concert one noon last week while owner-host Nick Ciccralle, Wes Divan and Bob Fitzgerald of Hughes Aircraft, and a smattering of other well-to-do human beings applauded him on to greater sounds.

Charlie La Grace's claim to fame lies not only in the local area. He goes back quite a ways as you'll find out when you hear his wonderful piano artistry. This guy is probably the original Dixie pianoman, having played with all the big bands back east "some time ago" and you've got to believe it's some time ago 'cause it was back in the big band era.

So Big Charlie'll be on hand nightly at the Jet Room Lounge from 9 'til 2 greeting and welcoming old and new friends. Swing by soon. You'll be glad! He still has the same old spark.

If you're a Barbeque Buff and haven't had some of the very best as yet then make a note here and now to give yourself a treat soon.

The spot we have in mind is at 11109 Hawthorne Blvd. in Inglewood and the artist that presents this World Famous Barbeque is none other than the master himself... Pete Petroff at his BBQ Pete Restaurant.

As you probably know, many changes have taken place at BBQ Pete since it was first opened some 20 years ago and one of the steps forward was the construction of their big new cocktail bar and lounge where your slightest whim is their command. The prices at BBQ Pete are in line, too, so don't hold back on the horses. Go on over there and fill up and have fun. Incidentally, it's one of the finest spots to watch these sporting events. BBQ Pete has the clearest picture in color we've yet seen. Remember, the World Series is just around the corner and this might be a good gathering spot for the sports.

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HUNGRY, TIGER? . . . Robert W. Prescott (right) gets a big welcome from Supervisor Burton W. Chace after a double move into the coastal fourth district represented by Chace. Prescott, president of Flying Tiger Airlines, has moved the airline headquarters from Burbank to Los Angeles International Airport and has opened a new Hungry Tiger restaurant on the Peninsula.

So now the residents of Palos Verdes and its environs will be able to enjoy the same unique and delicious Hungry Tiger menu on the hill as residents of the Valley and the Los Angeles area.

It's Eddie Oliver up there for music and dancing, vocal-ist Court Wagner and drummer Eddie Grady.

It'll be a Monday thru Saturday operation up there from 11:30 in the ayem 'til 2 the following morning and 4 p.m. 'til 2 a.m. on Sundays.

One other thing is, if you were wondering about what kind of mixologists they have there, you'll run into an old friend by the name of Ken Decker who, you'll recall was on that plank when it was the Hunting Horn. So he'll be your man for the nite time trick while "Tom" will be taking over during the day. Tom's from the Valley Tiger, y'know. Still another member from the Valley family of Tigers is Manager Wally Holenstein who'll be on hand, probably, day and nite. At least for a time.

So much has been made about the "Featuring Mickey" thing we ran last week for the Zebra Room over on Hawthorne Blvd. that we thought it might be necessary to bring into focus the full bit.

Now just in case you've got the idea that Mickey ISN'T featured, you better check with her 'cause she's owner-host Jerry Babich's friend... otherwise known as Mrs. Babich!! So how's that grab you? Now do you think she's not a feature there? You better believe it!

The MVP award of the Lomita Falcons Little League and the Beavers of the Pacific Coast League came in for a happy little gift last week. Mike Berch of the Falcons got tickets for Angels - Yanks games and Wesley Kallins got the same deal for the Angels-Red Sox games and they couldn't have been happier.

Involved in the distribution of the tickets were The Songs Rose and Louis plus Ron Iwanmote of The Tea House Restaurant, Mike Sego, Mel Levy and Bill Chambers of McKes-

son & Robbins, and Sol Friedman and Bob Cox of Seagrams Distributors. A fine gesture, indeed, from some good people.

And speaking of The Tea House, wonder how many of you happened to see long and

golden-tressed Gwen Allish on the Arbogast & Margolis show couple weeks back on channel 11. She guest appeared with Gypsy Boots and when we asked Ronnie what the interview consisted of, know what he said? "The birds and the bees!!" WEL-L-L-L-L.

Discovered the other day that the Halfway House has some swingin' specials going on for you the consumer these days. Boy, mean to tell you they've got spaghetti specials, chicken specials, etc., on different days and then Tuesday is Ladies Day at the Halfway House when any regular drink is just 50c for the gals. So give it a whirl, girl!

Had some conversation-type talk with Chuck Robbins down at Shakey's Pizza Parlor at 614 West Pacific Coast Highway in Wilmington earlier in the week and y'a know something? That's a swingin' spot he's got down there!

And you talk about specials! They've got 'em! Take a look for a second at that Tahitian "Treat Root Beer or Cola that Canada Dry features. It's a big 16 oz. glass of the stuff and it'll cost you just a nickle, provided you get there sometime from the 1st. of Sept. through the 5th. And that's at the Wilmington Shakey's only.

Then there's still another one awaiting your pleasure at the same store and it's the Labor Day Special (same dates, y'know!) when you get a buck off on any giant size

rather do it yourself, all the necessary ingredients may be found right on the table.

There's a swingin' cocktail hour awaiting your pleasure at the Red Onion, too. It runs from toodle seven for the giant bit and you've got two most capable Joes behind the bar to tend to your every want or need.

And there's entertainment Thursday, Friday and Saturday nites featuring the Tepeyac Duo. Guitars and vocals... Incidentally, it shouldn't be too long now before the new Red Onion will be in operation. Once they've got the cement poured and the plumbing in, it doesn't take long to complete it. Driving by the new site on Hawthorne we noticed that even the framework is taking shape, too, so stand by.

But you can't luck out forever. It does go to show, though, to mind your own business and pay attention to where you're going, no matter where you're going.

Strolled in the back door of the place, heading for the front, turned to wave a hello to Jose, the bartender and floooooo! Flat! Why even Jose "Socioo" was concerned and when you can jar this one from his cool, you've accomplished something.

Guess it could be called the blind staggers, or better still, just plain stupidity!

However, it didn't stop us from enjoying a sumptuous repast at Bart Earle's Red Onion. You know, this is the North-of-the-border home of Sonora Style Mexican Food and it's probably about the best we've ever tasted. Not too hot, not too bland... just right, but if you like it a little on the hot side, just let the little gal up there know and you'll get it. Or, if you'd

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